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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"Seats are reserved on the basis of population. Malabar and South Kanara get 11·4 per cent of the seats."

SRI S. T. ADITYAN :—" May I know how many marks were allotted for extra-curricular activities this year and how many marks were allotted for the same last year? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The interview marks this year for extra-curricular activities are 50. Last year no marks were assigned for this purpose and it was left to the Committee's discretion."

SRI LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" May I know how many girl students from Rayalaseema applied for and obtained admission in this year and last year? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have no information about the number of girl students who applied from Rayalaseema."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Do the Government strictly follow the principle of adjusting *inter se* the 25 per cent and the 15 per cent allotted to the backward communities and the Harijans in case there was shortage in one or the other? That is, if there are not sufficient number of candidates in one of the communities, is adjustment made by taking from the other community and thus filling up the seats? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is no lack of candidates from the backward communities. It will be easy to get the 25 per cent."

SRI K. V. VEMA REDDY :—" In view of the fact that there is the rule of merit in the matter of admission of boys and girls to the professional colleges, including the Medical College, and in view of the fact that those coming from the backward regions cannot compete with others coming from developed districts, who are intellectually superior on account of heritage of learning and better environments, will the Hon. the Minister for Health consider the advisability of relaxing the rules of admission so as to permit selection being made on a regional basis? " 8-50 a.m.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. Selection is made on a percentage basis from coastal Andhra districts, from Rayalaseema, from Tamil districts and from the West Coast."

Use of sea water for agricultural purposes.

*297 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have directed any research on—

(*a*) the possibility of the use of sea water for agriculture especially coconut ; and

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(*b*) the possibilities of sea water being converted into pure water fit for agriculture and drinking purposes?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the negative, except that the matter of research on rendering brackish or saline water potable has been gone into but the results are not yet ripe for publication."

Surveying of Munagala estate.

* 298 *Q.*—SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Munagala estate is being surveyed?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No. The survey of the estate has not yet been taken up."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that the zamindar of this estate is grabbing most of the lands and trying to make them home-farm lands because of the delay in surveying this estate? How many years will the Government take to survey this? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I do not know whether grabbing and surveying is co-related. The fact is a small temporary staff has been sanctioned for each range for the survey of minor and scattered estates. Now the Board of Revenue has recommended that from the experience gained so far, it is found that the staff is too small to make any marked progress and has accordingly asked for sanction for the employment of a full section of sixty field surveyors with a proportionate strength of supervisory staff for each range to accelerate the pace of the survey work. The matter is under the consideration of the Standing Finance Committee."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know from the Government whether they are prepared to give pattas to the peasants who are in possession of the lands in spite of the fact that the zamindar may put in his claims? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The question of giving pattas will be considered later on."

Number of executions carried out in the year **1951.**

* 299 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many executions have been carried out in the year 1951 in this State; and

(*b*) in how many cases of capital sentence was clemency exercised?